

City of Reading Charter Board

June 7, 2011- 7:00 pm
Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Barry Lloyd, Jerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley
Members Absent: None
Members of Public and Invited Guests: None

I. Administration

- The Boards next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 5, 2011. The meeting scheduled for 6/21/11 will be cancelled.
- The Board authorized by general consensus a summer law clerk project involving development of an annotated version of the City of Reading Charter, which cross references rulings and opinions of the Board to applicable sections of the document.

II. Education

No current Issues

III. Advisory

Advisory Opinion #25 -by letter dated May 19, 2011, Council President Vaughn Spencer requested an Advisory Opinion in reference to Charter Section 1002 (a), regarding whether members of Council may concurrently serve as members of the Recreation Commission. It is the Boards clear opinion that the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, as a statute of uniform and statewide application, is the governing law for the Recreation Commission and the Charter restrictions of Article X are therefore inapplicable.

After discussion and review, a motion was made by Mr. Slifko, 2nd by Ms. Stanley, to adopt and issue Advisory Opinion #25 which advises that the proposed composition of the Recreation Commission does not violate Article X of the Charter and that members of City Council may concurrently serve as members of the Recreation Commission. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

IV. Enforcement

The Board noted that on May 25, 2011, a petition for review by the Berks County Court of Common Pleas was filed by City Solicitor Charles Younger,

on behalf of Reading City Council. The case is a local agency appeal of the Boards Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #31. The case has been assigned docket # 11-14302.

The chair announced an Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding civil action #11-14302, Reading City Council v. City of Reading Charter Board. The Board entered Executive session at 7:50 pm and exited Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm